APPENDIX.

N. J. State Police, Mays Landing, N. J., August 25, 1965.
Time started 10:37 A. M.

STATEMENT OF JOSEPH MICHAEL DAVID.

Mr. David, I am Det. Heilfurth of the N. J. State Police at Mays Landing, N. J. I am going to ask you to give me a voluntary statement concerning a fatal motor vehicle accident that occured about 2:22 A. M., August 24, 1965, on the Somers Point-Mays Landing Rd., Egg Harbor Twp., Atlantic County, N. J. in which you were the operator of the vehicle, and in which one Charles Teti, died. I must advise you that this statement must be given of your own free will and accord, without force, fear, threats of promise of reward. I must also advise you that you have the right to consult an attorney before giving this statement. Do you understand this warning?

A. Yes.

Q. Are you willing to give me this statement?

A. Yes.

Q. What is your full name and address?

A. Joseph Michael David, 25 Taylor St., Bridgeton, N. J.

Q. When and where were you born?

A. I was born September 21, 1944, Bridgeton, N. J.

Q. How far did you go in school?

A. I graduated 12th grade.

Q. Are you married?

A. Yes, I am.

Q. Directing your attention to the night of August 23, 1965 and the early morning hours of August 24, 1965, will you tell me of your activities prior to, and up to the accident in which you were involved?

A. Early in the evening I'd say about 8:00 o'clock, I met my brother-in-law, William Penn, and we was riding around Bridgeton, till about 10:30, and the deceased Charles Teti was with us. At 10:30 Bill had to go to work, he told me to take his car and pick him up in the morning. I was riding around and met a buddy Danny Peterson, in Bridgeton. He told me that his car had busted down, he had to have an estimate on it the next day, and he had no way to work, and he asked me if I'd do him a favor by running up here to Somers Point where he worked. He took his car over to Ed. Tables body shop in Bridgeton, and I followed him. This would be about 12 midnight. From there I come down the shore with him, took a ride down to the Point, where Tony Mart's is at. The three of us went in Tony Mart's, we stayed there until maybe 1 o'clock, I guess, and from Tony Mart's I took Danny Peterson home. He lives on the same road where the accident happened, I'm not sure of the house. From there we headed home, because Charley had to go to work the next day, and I tried to hurry because Charley had to get some sleep, he had to go to work at 5 o'clock then the next thing I remember was the accident.

Q. Do you know how the accident happened?

A. The only thing I remember is hitting the side of the road, then the car started going into a spin and hitting things.

Q. Can you estimate how fast you were going just before you hit the side of the road?

A. I couldn't estimate the speed, but I know I was going over the speed limit, I know that.

Q. Are you familiar with the Somers Point-Mays Landing Rd.?

A. Very familiar.

Q. How many times would you say you travelled that particular road?

A. I travelled it every weekend last summer, and this year about six times. Most of the time I wasn't doing the driving on this road.

Q. How much did you have to drink while you were in Tony Marts?

A. About 3 beers, 4 beers.

Q. What did you have, glasses or bottles?

A. Bottles. They were the 12 ounce bottles.

Q. Did you have anything to drink prior to going to Tony Marts?

A. Yes, I had a six pack in the car.

Q. Who drank this six pack?

A. The three of us.

Q. After you left Tony Marts, did you stop any other place, before the accident?

A. No. I did stop at the Patcong Inn on the way up, and me and Danny had a beer there. Teti was sleeping on the back seat.

Q. Do you remember where the house was that you dropped Danny Peterson off?

A. It was on the same road, maybe a quarter mile from the Patcong Inn going away from Somers Point, towards Mays Landing.

Q. After you dropped Danny Peterson off, were you driving the car?

A. Yes.

Q. Where was Charles Teti located in the car?

A. He was in the front seat on the passengers side.

Q. Was Charles Teti asleep at the time of the accident, do you know?

A. No, I don't believe he was. As a matter of fact, I know he wasn't.

Q. How do you know he wasn't?

A. We was speaking right before the accident.

Q. Do you know what caused the accident?

A. No, I remember hitting the side of the road, I don't know if I dozed off or what, everything happened so fast.

Q. What kind of a car were you operating at the time of the accident?

A. A 65 Pontiac LeMans.

Q. How far would you say the accident was from the house where you dropped Danny Peterson off.

A. Approximately a mile and a half, or two miles.

Q. Is there anything else that you would like to add to this statement?

A. Right after the accident, the car was completely turned around, and it was lying on its side, I remember Charley lying in the car, with his head outside, and it looked like the car was lying on his head, and he said "Joe help me", I climbed out of the car to go for help, the blinker and radio was still on, and I turned the radio off. I went to a house maybe three hundred yards up the street. The lady and the boy woke up and I told them about the accident, and they called the police.

Q. Can you read and write?

A. Yes.

Q. Has this been a voluntary statement?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you been abused or mistreated in any manner before or during the taking of this statement?

A. No.

Q. Have you been fully aware of what you have said to me in giving this statement?

A. Yes.

Q. Are you presently under medication?

A. They gave me a needle and a pill at the hospital. I don't know what they were, they said they would calm my nerves.

Q. Mr. David, I am going to ask you to read this statement, consisting of three typewritten pages.

Q. Mr. David, have you read the foregoing three typewritten pages of this statement?

A. Yes.

Q. Are there any corrections or changes that you wish made in this statement?

A. No.

Q. Has this been a true statement?

A. Yes.

Q. Will you now sign this statement, as a true statement?

A. Yes.

Time completed 11:25 A. M.

Signed JOSEPH MICHAEL DAVID.

Witness: DETECTIVE HEILFURTH, No. 916.